

REMARKS / DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

Claims 1-10 and 16-19 are pending in the application and are allowed. The Office action states that prosecution for on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *ex parte Quayle*.

Applicant(s) thank(s) the Examiner for acknowledging the claim for priority and receipt of certified copies of all the priority document(s), and that the drawings are acceptable.

The restriction requirement of the previous Office action having been made final, non-elected claims 11-15 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of their subject matter. Applicant(s) reserve(s) the right to prosecute the subject matter of the non-elected claim(s) in a divisional or other continuing application.

All outstanding issues having been resolved, applicant(s) respectfully request(s) that the Examiner find the application in condition for allowance. If any points remain in issue that may best be resolved through a personal or telephonic interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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